

The Future



Return of Christ: Key Terms

Millennium = a period of _____ years.

Key Text: Revelation 20:1-4

*¹And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ²He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for **a thousand years**. ³He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until **the thousand years** were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.*

*⁴I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ **a thousand years**.*

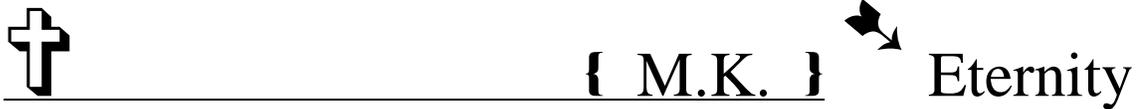
Rapture = the “_____” of believers at the return of Christ.

Key Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*¹³Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, **we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air**. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage each other with these words.*

Return of Christ: Three Views

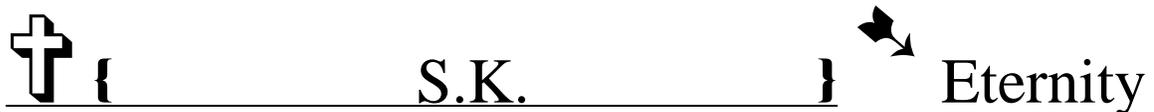
Postmillennialism = Christ returns _____ the Millennium.



Liberal Version – There will be a golden era of the progress of man preceding the return of Christ. This view was largely abandoned after World War I. This view is usually associated with the Social Gospel Movement.

Evangelical Version – Prior to the return of Christ there will be a widespread acceptance of the gospel and a golden era produced by the Holy Spirit.

Amillennialism = The kingdom is _____ rather than earthly. The number 1,000 is _____ rather than literal.



Premillennialism = Christ returns and establishes a _____ 1,000 year kingdom on earth.



Return of Christ: The Church and Israel

Covenant Theology = The Church is the _____ and replaces Israel. The Church receives the promises of Abraham in a _____ form.

Dispensationalism = The Church is _____ from Israel. The Church does not replace Israel, but in the _____ Israel has been set aside and the Church is the focus of God's attention. Israel will receive the promises to Abraham _____ and _____ in the Millennial Kingdom. The seven years prior to the Millennium, the _____, is a time of preparation for Israel to embrace the Messiah.

Key Text: Matthew 16:18

*¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build my church**, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*

Key Text: Matthew 6:9-10

*⁹"This, then, is how you should pray:" 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰your kingdom come, **your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.***